

# Hall of Justice MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT LEARNING CENTER

Educator Guide, 2017–2018



## Are You Visiting Lansing?

Be sure to make the Michigan Supreme Court Learning Center part of your visit. Free, guided tours highlight:

- Three branches of government, especially the role and structure of the judicial branch
- U.S. Constitution and Michigan Constitution
- Other law-related topics upon request



Guided tours help students understand the judicial branch of government and how court decisions affect their everyday lives.

## School Tours

The Michigan Supreme Court Learning Center – a hands-on gallery within the Hall of Justice – offers tours and events developed to engage students, grades 3 and up.

- One hour in length
- Groups up to 48, including chaperones
- Weekdays, 9 a.m.–4 p.m. (except court holidays)
- Free

To include the Michigan Supreme Court courtroom, you must specifically request this option when making reservations. Additional time is required. Courtroom visits cannot be guaranteed due to the Court's schedule.



The Hall of Justice is headquarters for the judicial branch of government. It houses the Michigan Supreme Court and Court of Appeals – District IV.

**Call to schedule tours today!**  
**517-373-7171**

# At [courts.mi.gov/learningcenter](http://courts.mi.gov/learningcenter)

The Learning Center's website offers many resources, including:

## Educator Resources

- **Field Trips** – Details about school tours, including tips for great tours and Teacher-Led Activities, a series of exercises that can be used during travel time or longer breaks between tours
- **Curriculum Resources** – Background information and lesson plans about the Michigan court system, constitutions, mock trials and other simulations, core democratic values, and career planning
- **Educator E-newsletter** – Archive of issues for the seasonal e-newsletter ([courts.mi.gov/Justitia](http://courts.mi.gov/Justitia))

## Gallery of Exhibits

- Text from some of the exhibits, and select interactives in the Learning Center gallery



## Online Videos

The Learning Center maintains a [playlist of videos](#) on the [Michigan Supreme Court YouTube Channel](#).

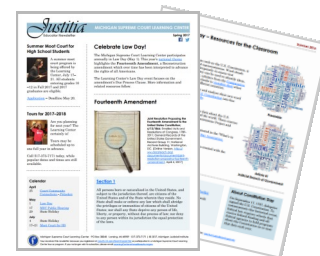
- An [overview of the school tour experience](#) (3 min)
- A [virtual tour of the Hall of Justice](#) (7 min)
- An introduction to the [Preamble of the U.S. Constitution](#) (3 min)
- An explanation of the [Michigan Supreme Court's decision-making process](#). (20 min)

1) Go to  
[youtube.com/user/MichiganCourts/playlists](https://youtube.com/user/MichiganCourts/playlists)

2) Click on  
Learning Center



## Justitia E-Newsletter



Sign up for *Justitia*, the Learning Center's e-newsletter, by e-mailing [LearningCenter-eNews@courts.mi.gov](mailto:LearningCenter-eNews@courts.mi.gov).

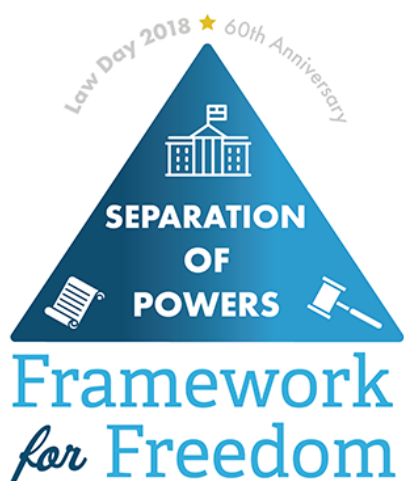
Intended for K–12 educators and others interested in resources about the judicial branch of government, the seasonal e-newsletter contains program announcements, brief readings on law-related topics, and recommended resources from a variety of sources for all grade levels.

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## Special Programs & Events

### Law Day

Celebrate Law Day, **May 1, 2018**, at the Learning Center. This national event examines the theme Separation of Powers: Framework for Freedom. Activities will demonstrate the purpose and importance of this constitutional principle. Each tour will meet with a guest speaker and receive curriculum materials.



### Summer Moot Court

This experience, held **July 16–20, 2018**, is for high school students interested in legal careers. Students act as attorneys and justices to argue a case as if before the Supreme Court. They meet with law students, lawyers, court staff, and members of the judiciary to prepare and to learn more about day-to-day life in the legal profession. Applications will be available March 1, 2018.



Student "justices" who decide the moot court case based on their research and the student "attorneys'" arguments.

## Social Studies GLCEs/Content Expectations

Tours, programs, and resources of the Michigan Supreme Court Learning Center are designed to encourage active participation as students learn about the purpose, structure, and role of government in their community, state, and nation.

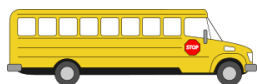
### Social Studies (K–8)

- Purposes of Government (C1)
- Values and Principles of American Government (C2)
- Structure and Functions of Government (C3)
- Roles of the Citizen (C5)

### Civics (High School)

- Conceptual Foundations of Civic and Political Life (C1)
- Origins and Foundations of Government (C2)
- Government in the United States of America (C3)
- Citizenship in the United States (C5)
- Citizenship in Action (C6)

See [courts.mi.gov/learningcenter](https://courts.mi.gov/learningcenter) for charts of [specific curriculum standards](#).



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## School Tours

**Cost** FREE!

**Hours** Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

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## Location

**Michigan Hall of Justice**  
925 W. Ottawa St. Lansing, MI 48915

*The Learning Center is near the **State Capitol** and the **Michigan History Museum** in downtown Lansing.*

